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1. ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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In re application: )  
Caldwell, et al. ) Docket No.: AUS-2136-AL  
Serial No.: 10/052,297 )  
Examiner: Robert, Eduardo C.  
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For: HAND ACCESS PORT DEVICE ))

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**ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Dear Sir:

This election is filed in response to a Requirement for Restriction mailed December 10, 2003. A one month statutory period for response is set to end January 10, 2004.

**Detailed Action**

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction among the following species of the claimed invention:

- I. Figure 1
- II. Figure 7
- III. Figure 8
- IV. Figure 10
- V. Figure 14
- VI. Figure 16
- VII. Figure 18
- VIII. Figure 19
- IX. Figure 21

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The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In addition, the Examiner has required a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

**Election**

Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution the claims of group 1 directed to Figures 1-6. This election is made without traversal relying on 37 C.F.R. §1.141 which will entitle Applicant to consideration of claims to additional species covered by an allowed generic claim.

**Claims Readable on Elected Species**

The following claims are believed to read on the elected species of group 1 (Figure 1). Claims 1-13 and Claims 43-48, including independent Claim 1.

**Cancellation of Claims/Inventorship**

Since many of the claims readable on elected group 1 are generic to other species, no claims are being cancelled at this time. Accordingly, the inventorship remains unchanged.

With the foregoing election of species and designation of claims, it is believed that all issues raised by the outstanding Office Action have been addressed.

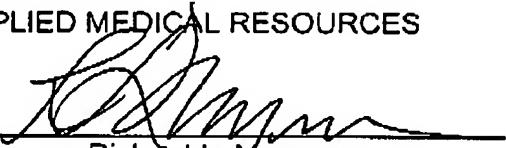
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Accordingly, the Examiner's consideration of the Application on the merits is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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